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Inviting pub in city 'sucks inside an almost relentless stream of visitors'

MIKE PETTY AND JAMES MILNER LOOK THROUGH THE CAMBRIDGE NEWS ARCHIVES AT SOME OF THE STORIES FROM THIS DAY IN THE PAST

Demolition of Lion Yard circa 1973.

Two schooners of sherry for just 32p each - 1976

THE Turk's Head Berni Inn, Trinity Street, Cambridge, sucks inside an almost relentless stream of visitors.

The upstairs bar serves ducking and scampi but we were heading for the simple steak sort of menu.

Our two schooners of sherry cost 32p each and the wine, Cotes de Rhone, £2.34.

The food was worth a wait. We had rump steak (£1.91) and a fillet steak (£2.73) which were very tasty, with chips, peas and tomatoes.

We followed up with chocolate ice creams, which were included in the main course price. We could have had instead cheese and biscuits.

Other offerings were Dover sole (£2.44) and Sirloin steak (£1.89).

Pub was in a worse condition than feared - 1960

IN demolishing the old Central Hotel near Cambridge Market Place, the contractors have found it to be in a worse condition than they anticipated, but it has conformed fairly accurately to the surveyor's report prepared by King's College who own the site.

The comparatively recent facings of the interior of the building were concealing a rotting structure underneath and the building has to be pulled down with extreme care – almost brick by brick.

The hotel is being pulled down in two phases of which the first has now been completed.

The first half of the new building will be erected before the second half is pulled down.

England's biggest re-development scheme - 1959

"THE Lion Yard scheme is the biggest re-development scheme yet in England, if we omit the blitzed cities", Ald WG. James told the Women's Lunch Club.

"In some respects, it is more difficult, for the bombing often obliterated whole areas and redevelopment could start on virgin sites.

"Here, boundaries, established buildings and all manner of things have to be considered."

Everyone agreed the area required comprehensive development but there was a divergence of opinion on how this should be done.

A compromise was sought by 30 people on the county planning committee but as there were 30 different opinions, nothing was done.

The importance of information and ideas - 1938

AT the opening of the new Rock Road library, the mayor said that, in these difficult times, it was important that there should be, in every district, a building which would help to circulate the best ideas and information for the guidance of residents.

In the days to come, the building will become more and more the intellectual home of the people who live around it.

All would agree it was the right policy to encourage children to use it. He regretted the absence of a representative of The Carnegie Trust, which had helped with the money for the library.

Abnormally high horse population - 1935

ACCORDING to the recent census taken for military purposes, Cambridge has a horse population of 779, excluding railway and military animals.

This is abnormally high, being roughly twice as many as any other town of its size.

In the riding horse and hunter class, Cambridge takes fourth place in the country but the town is poorly supplied with carriage and trap horses.

People have forsaken the horse for wheeled outings though there are still a few residents who prefer to sit behind a horse instead of a petrol engine.

It seems that the motor salesmen of Cambridge are extraordinarily efficient.

A secret organisation of climbers - 1932

THE inner history of the King's College roof-climbing escapade has been revealed.

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